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living increase up to \$17,000 by now, if we'd had that cost of living increase, and 73 percent said that would factor into their thinking. It would make them more favorable. The increase would enable average citizens to serve and still provide for family--73 percent said they would be more likely. And 64 percent of them said the fact that we receive no pensions or benefits would also make them more likely to vote for an increase. And then Nebraska legislators are paid less than ten other states, and I'm not sure if that's accurate or not, 61 percent. So just that is a poll that was just handed to me a little while ago. And I've seen the poll before, but I had forgotten all about it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I have to frankly say to you that I face a bit of a procedural dilemma here, and I hope you'll listen and bear with me. There are 16 people who have excused themselves, at least 14 of whom are believed to be gone for good today. I haven't heard any opposition to this simple form, of moving this simple form onto Select File to have further discussions. I don't want to put in a motion to adjourn since there's other work to be done and the Speaker wanted us to go forward. And so I think what I'm going to do is not make that motion, but if there are those of you who don't feel that you can help out in advancing this bill, I hope you would let me know so that I could file that motion so that I could at least get a fair vote on the bill. There are only 33 of us here, and I'm, you know, putting myself in an awkward position going forward with the bill. On the other hand, since there's been no adverse discussion of it, I'm kind of assuming that you're open to further discussion on this and will help advance it to Select File. So again, if there are those of you who feel this is not a good idea and can't help advance it, please at least let me know so I can take the procedural action that at least will get me a fair vote. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to...Senator Chambers, you're recognized. Mr. Clerk, a motion.